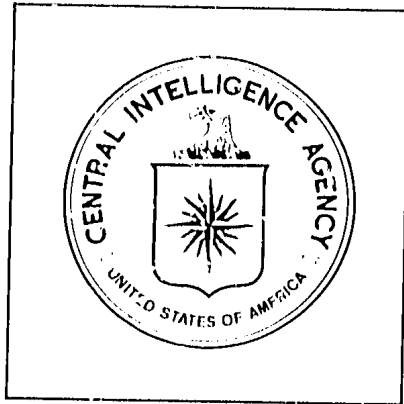


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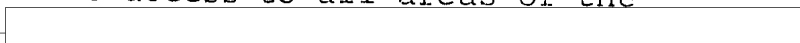


Turkish Staff Will Oversee Base Control

The Turkish teams that will take command today of five US-run installations in Turkey have been told that the suspension of operations at the installations will be continually monitored by the Turkish general staff.

A cabinet meeting today will evaluate the progress made toward implementing the government's decision to suspend operations and transfer control of the installations to the Turkish army.

The tone of the instructions to the teams is not harsh, but the instructions make clear that the Turks expect to have access to all areas of the installations.



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This is consistent with a comment made Sunday by the minister of interior, who said that activities would be continued at installations the general staff believed were needed and discontinued where they were not needed.



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The instructions to the Turkish teams do not take them beyond a transitional period. Ankara's longer range intentions may become clearer at a special meeting of the North Atlantic Council today in Brussels. The Turks have informed US officials that they will describe the nature of the measures they have taken against the installations and their prospects for the future.

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Prime Minister Demirel is leaving the matter of retaliation in the hands of the Turkish general staff. In so doing, he reportedly hopes to avoid criticism by either the military leadership or opposition leader Ecevit.

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Senior Turkish Cypriot officials have hinted they may declare the Turkish Cypriot zone an independent state. Ankara has thus far opposed such a move. [REDACTED]

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West German Support for US Military Presence
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One of the favorite topics of speculation in recent years has been whether Ostpolitik and detente in general would erode the West German public's support for the continued presence of US troops. A poll conducted this spring by Emnid, a reputable polling institute, suggests there has been a decline in such support, but that it has been slight.

The results indicate that a broad consensus exists among the non-Communist parties on the important role played by US troops in maintaining peace in Europe and the need to retain them in West Germany. More significantly, young age groups feel just about the same as the older generation on these issues.

On the question of the importance of US troops for West Germany's security, the respondents expressing doubt rose gradually from 18 percent in 1970 to 29 percent this year. However, the percentage expressing a positive conviction is about the same--70 percent--as in 1970, and is slightly up from 1972 when only 65 percent expressed such a view.

West Germans are more inclined than before to view the US troops as beneficial to both Washington and Bonn. The percentage expressing this feeling has risen from 50 to 55 percent in the last five years. This development largely reflects a decline in the number of West Germans who believe that the US military presence is designed primarily to serve the interests of the

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Federal Republic. The percentage expressing the latter view dropped from 24 percent to 18 percent during the same time period.

Proposals to withdraw US troops from West Germany still elicit a strong negative reaction. Of the respondents, 67 percent are opposed compared to 60 percent five years ago. Those favoring either a full or partial withdrawal of US troops has fluctuated between 20 and 30 percent; the poll this year showed 27 percent favoring such a proposal.

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